

Rather than supporting “meaningful participation,” I believe the U.S. should promote Taiwan’s full membership in international organizations such as the WHO. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Taiwan’s full and equal membership in the United Nations, the WHO, and other international organizations.

A TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT
ZACHARY WALTERS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Sergeant Zachary Walters who was killed in Helmand, Afghanistan on June 8, 2010 while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sergeant Walters attended Flagler Palm Coast High School and was a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). He graduated in 2005 and joined the United States Marine Corps the next day, passing up college scholarships and job offers so he could serve the country he loved. During his initial tour in the Marine Corps, he deployed from August 2008 to March 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After his initial enlistment was complete, Sergeant Walters could have returned to civilian life, but he instead chose to re-enlist in the Marine Corps. Sergeant Walters learned that the Marines whom he had trained would be deployed to Afghanistan, and he felt it was his duty to lead the Marines he had prepared into combat. He selflessly chose to answer the call once again. Sergeant Walters shipped out in May for Afghanistan, just days before his 24th birthday.

Sergeant Walters lost his life to a roadside bomb while doing what he had chosen to do: leading men into combat. Our Nation can never repay the debt we owe to this brave man and his family. Sergeant Walters represents the best values of this Nation and the Marine Corps, embodying the Corps’ values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I cannot state it any better than Sergeant Walters’ mother, Regina Walters, did, when she said: “I’ve never been prouder in my life. My precious boy made the ultimate sacrifice. He would not have had it any other way.”

I wish to extend my condolences to Sergeant Walters’ family and hope that they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on both his grateful Nation and his proud Corps.

IN HONOR OF THE 51ST ANNUAL
DINNER OF THE CLEVELAND
CHAPTER OF THE NAACP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 51st Annual Dinner of the Cleveland Chapter NAACP. The Cleveland Chapter and all NAACP Chapters were a

driving force behind our nation’s civil rights movement. Founded in 1912, the Cleveland Chapter continues to serve as a source of support and strength on behalf of the rights and freedoms of minorities.

While the Cleveland Chapter began as a small group, they quickly grew to 1,600 members by 1922. The population of African Americans in Northeast Ohio increased during the 1920s and 1930s, allowing political leadership to organize and emerge. In 1923, supported by the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP, Thomas W. Fleming was elected the first-ever African American to Cleveland City Council. A few years later, three more African Americans were elected to serve on the Cleveland City Council. In 1927, Harry E. Davis was elected to serve on the Cleveland Civil Service Commission and Mary Martin Brown was elected as a member of the Cleveland City School Board. They too were the first African Americans to hold these positions.

During its first few decades, the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP fought fiercely against racism. Chapter leaders and members rallied and organized for fair housing, educational and job opportunities, and an end to segregation. The Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP filed lawsuits against theaters, restaurants and other establishments that discriminated against African Americans. Chapter members also worked diligently behind the scenes to persuade white business owners to stop discriminatory practices.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders, past and present, of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP as they gather to celebrate their 51st Annual Dinner. Since their formation in 1912, members have risked their lives and their livelihoods to fight for equality and tear down the walls of racism. In their quest for freedom they paved the way for a society where equal opportunity and justice exist for many as never before and where someday, will exist for all.

HONORING LAURA DESTEFANO

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura DeStefano, the Award of Merit Winner for the 4th Congressional District’s high school art competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the Nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Laura DeStefano, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at East Meadow High School in East Meadow, New York. Ms. DeStefano offered her digital photography piece, “Where the Side Walk Ends.” Laura’s eye for beauty is certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the

talented students like Laura from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our Nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Laura DeStefano. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at East Meadow High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students’ success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Laura DeStefano.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER SHAWNEE
CITY COUNCILMEMBER FRANK
GOODE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Goode, who recently concluded 32 years of public service to the citizens of Shawnee, Kansas. In April, Frank Goode concluded a 30-year tenure as an elected member of the Shawnee City Council, which was preceded by 2 years of service on the Shawnee City Planning Commission.

On April 12, the City of Shawnee announced that it is naming the city’s Public Works Service Center after former Councilmember Goode, in recognition of his long and distinguished service to Shawnee. As Mayor Jeff Meyers said in making the announcement, “I’m sure we couldn’t find but a handful of individuals across the county who have served their community for 32 years. That kind of commitment to the community deserves recognition that a plaque could never give.”

Frank Goode grew up in Shawnee, attending St. Joseph Grade School and St. Joseph High School. He also attended Donnelly College, Rockhurst College and Finlay Engineering School. A Korean War veteran, Goode was a division sales manager for the Stuart Hall Company. He first became involved with local issues when he was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1977; in the following year, he launched his first campaign for City Council.

As Council member, Goode focused on expanding the city and improving its infrastructure, while holding the line on taxes. He was particularly supportive of tax abatements, particularly those for Bayer Animal Healthcare, which he credits with keeping that major employer in Shawnee.

Having left the Council at age 80, Frank Goode is certainly entitled to a relaxing retirement. Nonetheless, he’s still going strong, having spent the past few years also working at Goode Brothers Asphalt, a business started by his brothers at about the same time he first